Chapter Questions for...

George’s Marvelous Medicine

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Chapters 1 and 2 - Grandma & The Marvelous Plan:

1. Why does Grandma want George to stop eating chocolate?

2. Name 4 kinds of bugs Grandma likes to eat.
   a.  
   b.  
   c.  
   d.  

3. Think of 6 words or phrases that would describe the character Grandma.
   a.  
   b.  
   c.  
   d.  
   e.  
   f.  

4. Help George make a new medicine for Grandma that will cure her horridness. Think of 8 ingredients George could mix together.
   a.  
   b.  
   c.  
   d.  
   e.  
   f.  
   g.  
   h.
Chapters 3 and 4 - George Begins to Make the Medicine & Animal Pills:

1. List 5 things George put in the pot of medicine.
   a. 
   b. 
   c. 
   d. 
   e. 

   Of the 5 things you listed, which one do you think is the most dangerous?

   Tell why.

2. George pours sheepdip into the pot of medicine. Tell 2 reasons farmers use sheepdip.
   a. 
   b. 

   Now explain what happens if a farmer gives the sheep too much sheepdip.
3. Word Fun! Use the following suffixes to make a new word. Use each suffix only once.

   For example: care + fully = carefully

   ous  ness  ful  ly  able  ing

   a. ill
   b. certain
   c. jump
   d. marvel
   e. wonder
   f. comfort

4. Sometimes medicine can taste pretty nasty. Tell about the worst medicine you ever had to taste. Write at least 3 sentences that include the name of the medicine and why you had to take it.

   Chapters 5 and 6 - The Cook-up & Brown Paint:

   1. Why did George pour brown paint into the pot of medicine?
2. Describe 2 things that happened to George when he got a whiff of the brewing medicine.

a. 

b. 

3. Word Fun! Think of 2 more words that have the same first two letters as the words listed. Use chapters 5 and 6 to help you.

a. half 1. hallway 2. hamburger

b. fetch 3. 4.

c. brutal 5. 6.

d. maggot 7. 8.

e. grumpy 9. 10.

f. supplies 11. 12.

4. Grandma is about to take the new medicine! Draw a picture that predicts what you think will happen in the story. Include a caption.
Chapters 7 and 8 - Grandma Gets the Medicine & The Brown Hen:

1. Describe the first thing that happened to Grandma when she took the medicine

2. Describe the difference between the way Grandma grew when she took the medicine and the way the hen grew.

3. Part of what makes this a good book is the author's use of words. Roald Dahl writes lots of funny sentences. Find 2 more examples of funny sentences. Use any chapter you've read so far.

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4. George has invented a new kind of medicine. Why might farmers be interested in this medicine?
Chapters 9 and 10 - The Pig, the Bullocks, the Sheep, the Pony, and the Nanny Goat & A Crane for Grandma:

1. Explain how the medicine helped Grandma.

2. Why was Mr. Kranky so excited about the giant hen?

3. Think of 1 reason why having huge animals might be great and 1 reason why having huge animals might not be so great.

   Great:

   Not-so-Great:

4. Draw a picture that shows what might happen if a mouse ate some of George's medicine. Include a caption with your picture.
Chapters 11 and 12 - Mr. Kranky's Great Idea & Marvelous Medicine Number Two:

1. What was Mr. Kranky's great idea?

2. Explain why the second batch of medicine was worthless.

3. Use pages 68-69 and find 8 words that begin with the letter "C". List these words in alphabetical order.

   a. 
   b. 
   c. 
   d. 
   e. 
   f. 
   g. 
   h. 

4. George and Mr. Kranky are trying out a new medicine on animals. Many scientists do new medicine experiments first on animals and then when they feel it is safe, they try it out on people.

   Do you think it is right to try out new medicine experiments on animals?  Yes  or  No

   Now tell why.
Chapters 13 and 14 - Marvelous Medicine Number Three & Marvelous Medicine Number Four:

1. Explain why the third batch of medicine was worthless.

2. Why is Mrs. Kranky convinced that George and Mr. Kranky will never get the medicine quite right?

3. Use pages 73, 74, and 75. Find words that mean almost the same thing.
   a. huge =
   b. plain =
   c. amazing =
   d. important =
   e. poured =

4. Choose 1 of the three medicines George has invented. Write a catchy ad for the medicine. Include a picture.
   George's Marvelous Medicine Number: ________
Chapter 15 - Goodbye, Grandma:

1. Explain why Grandma disappeared when she drank the medicine but the hen didn't.

2. Do you think Grandma deserved to disappear? Yes or No
Tell why.

3. Fill in the blank with the correct word.
   foul  shrill  hag  brief  trough  nuisance  alarmed

   a. "Don't lie to me, boy!" the enormous old ________ shouted.
   b. George was quite ________ as he watched steam squirt out of Grandma's ears.
   c. "Mother! Run to the drinking ________ and put your head in.
   d. Grandma's face had the same ________ and furious expression it always had.
   e. Grandma was a bit of a ________ around the house.

4. Use a sheet of drawing paper. Divide the paper into 4 sections. Draw pictures of 4 main events that took place during the story. Include a caption for each event.
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Answer Key

Chapters 1 and 2 – Grandma & The Marvelous Plan:

1. so he'll stop growing
2. slugs; beetles; earwigs; caterpillars (worms)
3. horrid; nasty; bossy; cranky;...
4. varies

Chapters 3 and 4 - George Begins to Make the Medicine & Animal Pills:

1. hair shampoo; toothpaste; antifreeze; canary seed; lipstick; etc..(there are over 15 things that George put in the medicine)
2. a. to get rid of sheep rot b. to get rid of ticks and fleas
   the wool will fall out and the animal will be naked
3. a. illness b. certainly c. jumping d. marvelous e. wonderful f. comfortable
4. varies

Chapters 5 and 6 - The Cook-up & Brown Paint:

1. so it would look like Grandma's real medicine
2. a. firecrackers went off in his skull b. electric prickles ran along the backs of his legs
3. varies
4. varies

Chapters 7 and 8 - Grandma Gets the Medicine & The Brown Hen:

1. her body shot up into the air and she stayed there suspended for a few minutes
2. Grandma got thinner and thinner while the hen stayed nice and plump
3. varies
4. because giant animals would provide more food/meat which they could sell,...

Chapters 9 and 10 - The Pig, the Bullocks, the Sheep, the Pony, and the Nanny Goat & A Crane for Grandma:

1. she is now more frisky—has lots more energy
2. because the giant hen can lay a huge egg-the one egg can feed at least 20 people
3. Great: the animals can provide people with more food, etc-
   Not-so-Great the animals could cause damage, etc...
4. the mouse would become huge
Chapters 11 and 12 - *Mr. Kranky's Great Idea* for Marvelous Medicine

Number Two:

1. to make tons of George's new medicine to sell so the family could become rich
2. because it just made the animals' legs grow longer and most people don't like to eat meat from animal legs
3. varies
4. varies

Chapters 13 and 14 - Marvelous Medicine Number Three & Marvelous Medicine Number Four:

1. this medicine just made the animals' necks grow longer and people don't to eat necks
2. because not only do you have to have the same ingredients-you also have to add the exact same amounts as George did with the first medicine
3. a. giant b. ordinary c. extraordinary d. vital e. sloshed, scooped
4. varies

Chapter 15 - Goodbye, Grandma:

1. because she drank 50 doses of a medicine that makes you smaller
2. varies
3. a. hag b. alarmed c. trough d. foul e. nuisance
4. varies